

REMARKS**A. Status of the Claims and Explanation of the Amendments**

Prior to the submission of this paper, claims 1-150 were pending in this case. In this paper, Applicants have requested the cancellation of claims 1-50 and 147-148, because these cancelled claims are being prosecuted in U.S. Patent Application No. 11/072,026, which is the U.S. equivalent to PCT/US05/07524.

In addition, Applicants have amended claims 52-146 and 149-150 so that they conform with current U.S.P.T.O. practice. More specifically, these claims have been amended to recite "The method according to claim...", rather than "A composition according to claim...". No new matter has been added by these amendments.

B. Applicants' Oath and Declaration

The Notice of Missing Requirements requires the filing of an oath or declaration of the inventors. In response, Applicants submit with this response a signed declaration and power of attorney, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.497(a) and (b).

C. Statement of Small Entity Status

Applicant is a small entity and therefore claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 and MPEP § 509.03(c)(1) and (c)(3).

C. Additional Claim Fees

The Notice of Missing Requirements requires the payment of \$7130 in total additional fees, which consists of \$6700 (excess claim fee), \$100 (application search fee), \$200 (application examination fee), and a \$130 surcharge for the late submission of these fees.

However, because Applicants have claimed small entity status and have cancelled several claims, Applicants respectfully assert that only \$2815 is owed in total additional fees. This amount is determined as follows:

	\$2400 (excess claim fee, with only one independent claim, 96 dependent claims, and no multiple-dependent claims)
	\$250 (small entity utility search fee)
	\$100 (small entity application examination fee)
+	<u>\$ 65 (small entity surcharge for late submission of fees)</u>
	\$2815

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 50-3732, Order No. 13720-105071 US2 for the total additional fees, and for any fee that may be necessary for the entry of this paper. Additionally, in the event that there is any credit or overpayment, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to provide a refund to Deposit Account 50-3732, Order No. 13720-105071US2.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this response to Deposit Account No. 50-3732, Order No. 13720-105071US2.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-3732, Order No. 13720-105071US2.

Respectfully submitted,
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